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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL GOJ RESPONSE TO MPLA VISIT

REF: KINGSTON 5086

1. OFFICE OF PM MANLEY ISSUED DECEMBER 31 FOLLOWING
OFFICIAL RELEASE RESPONDING TO VISIT MPLA DELEGATION
(REFTEL): "A FRIENDLY DELEGATION FROM THE MPLA OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA VISITED JAMAICA FROM
DECEMBER 24-28.

"WHILE IN JAMAICA, THE DELEGATION HAD A SERIES OF
VERY FRIENDLY AND USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER
MICHAEL MANLEY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

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"THE DELEGATION WAS LED BY MAJOR HENRIQUE DE

CARVALHO SANTOS, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. OTHER MEMBERS WERE, MR ROBERTO ALMEIDA, MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE MPLA AND MADAME PAULETTE MORAIS LPES, MEMBER OF THE JURIDICAL COMMISSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MPLA.

"THE DELEGATION RECEIVED ASSURANCES OF FRIENDSHIP AND SYMPATHY FOR THE GREAT STRUGGLE IN WHICH THE MPLA IS ENGAGED. BOTH SIDES VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNED THE CONTINUED INTERVENTION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN ANGOLA AND REAFFIRMED SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE RECENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT.

"THE JAMAICA SIDE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT WILL RESULT FROM THE OAU HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING DUE TO BE HELD IN ADDIS ABABA ON JANUARY 10, 1976.

" INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON FUTURE TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN ANGOLA AND JAMAICA AND IT WAS AGREED THAT EARLY IN 1976 A MEETING WOULD BE HELD BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF ANGOLA AND JAMAICA TO FINALIZE A TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT".

2. COMMENT: RELEASE IS REBUFF TO LEFT-WING OF PNP LED BY SENATOR BERTRAM AND PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY DUNCAN WHO PRESSED FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION MPLA GOVERNMENT. STATEMENT OF GOJ HOPE THAT RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT WILL RESULT FROM OAU EFFORT IS ENCOURAGING AND SEEMS TO INDICATE JAMAICAN ACTION ON RECOGNITION WILL BE KEYED TO A OAU LEAD GERARD UNQTE INGERSOLL

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